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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, a non-profit organization,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RYAN ZINKE, as Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, a federal department; GREG SHEEHAN, as acting director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the

No. 17-cy-00118-DLC

RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF WYOMING'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDIFE SERVICE, a federal agency,

Federal-Defendants.

On October 24, 2017, Counsel for Plaintiff, WildEarth Guardians, and counsel for the State of Wyoming (hereinafter "the Parties") conferred regarding the State of Wyoming's motion to intervene in this matter (Doc. 9). The Parties have agreed to work together and explore – in good faith – ways to structure intervention, case management, and briefing in this matter so as to minimize the burden on the Court and Parties and increase judicial efficiency. For this reason, Plaintiff, WildEarth Guardians, does not oppose the State of Wyoming's motion to intervene in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of October, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of October, 2017, I filed a copy of this document electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused all ECF registered counsel to be served by electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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